

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 12-14, 16-18, and 20-22 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 7, 8, 14, and 16 being the independent claims. Claims 11, 15, and 19 were previously cancelled. Claims 1, 7, 8, 14, and 16 are sought to be amended. Claims 21 and 22 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-10, 12-14, 16-18, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,192,340 to Abecassis (hereinafter Abecassis) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,616,876 to Cluts (hereinafter Cluts), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,446,096 to Holland (hereinafter Holland). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

The disclosures of Abecassis, Cluts, and Holland, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest each and every element of amended claim 1. Specifically, the combination of references fails to teach or suggest "authenticating said multimedia device prior to granting access to said plurality of multimedia clips," as recited in amended claim 1.

Independent claims 7, 8, 14, and 16 recite similar authenticating features as distinguished above with respect to claim 1. They are thus patentable over Abecassis, Cluts, and Holland, for at least these reasons.

Claims 2-6, 17, 18, 20, and 21 depend on claim 1. Claims 9-10, 12 and 13 depend on claim 8. Claim 22 depends from claim 16. They are thus patentable over Abecassis, Cluts, and Holland, alone or in combination for at least the reasons provided above, and further view of their own features. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-10, 12-14, 16-18, and 20.

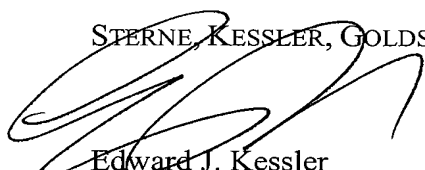
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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